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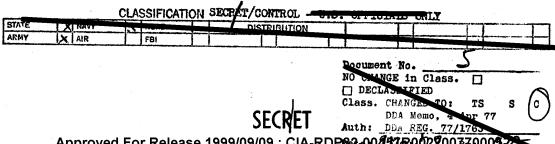
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- Leon Feix, representative of the French Communist Party (FCP) in Algiers, and Rachid Dalibey, Councilor General of the Politbureau of the Algerian Communist Party (ACP), worked out the current ACP propaganda line in accordance with the recommendations which Henri Claude, government employee in Algiers, brought back from the FCP after making a clandestine four-day trip to France in September, 1948.
- On 9 September 1948, Feix stated in the presence of six members of the Algerian Politbureau that the native masses must be made to feel it is the aim of France to have native exploit native in such a way that the purposes of occidental capitalism will be served. Feix requested those present to search their files for facts which support this theme. He asked for emphasis on the efforts of France to keep the fellah uneducated so that the lower classes might be more easily exploited by their more learned coreligionists who, he claimed, are all in the pay of the government "with the exception of our comrades".
- On the same occasion, Feix asserted that both the FCP and the ACP suffer from a lack of brains which account for "transitory political defeats". He added that the USSR had had not 10 but 1000 intellectuals in the van of the Party and it was they who had imposed their will on malleable simpletons. Feix suggested that the same intellectual climate now exists in Algeria and should be used to advantage.
- At a meeting on 2 October 1948, Rue des Tanneurs, Algiers, it was revealed that 6,000,000 francs would be used for propaganda to promote the spread to Algeria of the strike movement in France. During October and November, 1948, all means were used to paralyze Algerian industry: blackmail, informing, exploitation of the anniversary of the October Revolution, relief on a large scale for factory and dock workers, and political pressure on the leaders of the unions for government workers. This campaign has been largely in the hands of Paul Caballero, Secretary of the Algerian Politbureau, and William Sportisse, Algerian Politbureau member.



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